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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN NATIONAL DAY MESSAGE

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO
PRESIDENT SADAT PRIOR TO EGYPT'S JULY 23 NATIONAL DAY.

2. QUOTE. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: IT IS WITH SINCERE
PLEASURE THAT I EXTEND TO YOU AND TO THE PEOPLE OF EGYPT
ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES BEST WISHES
AND WARM CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS ANNIVERSARY OF EGYPT'S
JULY 23RD REVOLUTION. FOR BOTH OUR NATIONS, THIS YEAR IS
A SPECIAL OCCASION. FOR AMERICANS, IT IS A CELEBRATION OF
THE PASSAGE OF 200 YEARS SINCE OUR COUNTRY'S BIRTH. AT
THE SAME TIME, EGYPTIANS BOTH MARK THE 24TH YEAR OF THEIR
OWN REPUBLIC AND REAFFIRM THE MANY THOUSANDS OF YEARS OF
THEIR RICH TRADITIONS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE.

MR. PRESIDENT, IT GIVES ME PARTICULAR PRIDE TO NOTE THAT
THE LONG-STANDING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES AND
COUNTRIES HAS BEEN BROADENED AND DEEPENED DURING THE PAST
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YEAR. YOUR HISTORIC VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES, EGYPT'S

GENEROUS GIFT TO THE UNITED STATES OF AN ANCIENT STELE,
AND THE FORTHCOMING ARRIVAL IN THIS COUNTRY OF THE
TREASURES OF TUTANKHAMEN STAND AS SYMBOLS OF THE MANY

LINKS BETWEEN OUR NATIONS AND THE DEPTH OF UNDERSTANDING
AND COOPERATION WHICH EXISTS BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS AND
PEOPLES.

DURING THE COMING YEAR, THE UNITED STATES WILL WORK
STEADFASTLY TOWARD EVEN DEEPER COOPERATION WITH EGYPT IN
THE CONTINUING SEARCH TO ACHIEVE OUR COMMON GOAL: PEACE
AND PROSPERITY FOR EGYPT AND A JUST AND DURABLE SETTLE-
MENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

WITH WARM PERSONAL REGARDS, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE TEXT OF MESSAGE
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